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DESERT KMT TO JOIN CCP

At one of the CCP military conferences in which Ch'en was present, the officer-in-charge ordered everyone to take notes on various speeches. Instead of doing this, Ch'en committed the gist of the talks to memory. After the speeches, the officer-in-charge asked Ch'en to repeat the lectures word for word. Ch'en naturally was unable to comply to this unreasonable request. The officer became infuriated and shouted, "You disobeying idiot! Don't act like a big shot! You may have been a commander of a garrison, but the CCP does not recognize you as such. You are the same as the rest of us."

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Later when Ch'en's subordinates came to console him, Ch'en said, "I have already lost my freedom. You can still escape. Go! Don't fall into the same predicament as I have."

With tears in their eyes they bid each other adieu. The subordinates escaped into free Nationalist territory while Ch'eng and Ch'en were placed under the custody of the CCP in Pei-p'ing.

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